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1. In late September or early October 1954, the troops stationed at Osterode (Q 54/E 25) were observed returning to their station from the summer camp at the Muschaken (R 54/E 71) training grounds. On the occasion of their official reception, the troops passed in review for about 45 minutes. The review involved an estimated 1,800 to 2,000 men who wore army uniforms and red service color.
2. The bulk of the troops was formed by infantrymen who marched on foot in the form of about 15 company blocks each of which ~~was~~ led by an officer on horseback. The soldiers carried model 1941 PPSCH and model 1943 PPS rifles, and light machine guns with disc magazines and belt feeds. They had no mortars or heavy machine guns. The review also involved about 10 trucks six of which towed AT guns. The trucks were occupied by the gun crews. An artillery unit of about six guns was also observed. Each of the two-wheeled guns was pulled by a team of four horses. The model of the guns was undetermined. The guns were apparently fairly high and had relatively short barrels. The review also involved 7 to 9 tanks with revolving turrets which were recognised as T 34 tanks. No trains or supply units took part in the review. A large band was also observed. It was undetermined to which of the two barracks installations at the station the respective units belonged.
3. Prior to January 1954, the Weisse Kaserne in the southern sector of the city and on the west side of the Buchwalde (Q 54/E 35) road was occupied by Polish troops of various branches of service. Tanks were frequently observed leaving this installation for a training ground in the woods

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about 7 kilometers north of the station on the Locken ( [redacted] )  
 The number of tanks observed never exceeded six vehicles  
 to a woman who was employed at this installation, the  
 Muschaken troop training grounds during the summer months. For this  
 period, the enlisted personnel with the tanks was located in Ulleschen  
 (R 54/E 71), while officers were billeted in Puchallowen (Windau,  
 R 54/E 81). The tanks observed had large bogie wheels and gun barrels  
 with no muzzle brakes. Prior to the spring of 1954, an undetermined number  
 of soldiers with red cap bands, most of them drivers of horse-drawn vehicles,  
 were also observed in the installation. Units of soldiers wearing red  
 service color were never observed there in closed formation. Soldiers or  
 sentries wearing blue-gray uniforms were observed more frequently.  
 Prior to January 1954, WOP (border guard) soldiers wearing green service  
 color were also observed in the installation. They mainly engaged in  
 dog-training in the area east of Buchwalde. During the summer, they  
 remained at the station. The unit was apparently only a training unit  
 for bloodhounds and watchdogs of the border guard troops. It numbered an  
 estimated 100 men.

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4. Soldiers who wore red cap bands were observed in the Rote Kaserne on the  
 southeastern perimeter of the city, on the northeast side of the Hohenstein  
 (Q 54/E 53) road. They were only called infantrymen by the population. The  
 troops had horse-drawn vehicles. Individual trucks were also observed in  
 the area of the installation. When leaving the installation for field  
 training, the units marched on foot. Local residents said that the unit  
 went to a summer camp near Muschaken in summer. [redacted]

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[redacted] the superior headquarters  
 of the troops stationed at Osterode was located in Allenstein (R 54/E 66).

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5. Prior to early January 1954, the former Berg Kaserne which was located on  
 a hill in the northern sector of the city housed the recruiting district  
 headquarters (W.K.R.) which was located in an undestroyed building. In  
 1952, a new building which was used for billeting and assembling young  
 inductees was constructed at this site. The other buildings of the  
 installation were destroyed.
6. In 1952, the former Kolonie (settlement) Pillauken, about 6 kilometers  
 northwest of the Osterode railroad station, which included three or four  
 apartment houses, a forester's house and a former inn, quartered a military  
 unit. In 1953, the installation was allegedly still occupied by troops  
 who wore red cap bands. [redacted] NCOs or NCO  
 candidates were trained at the installation.
7. Prior to February 1954, small groups of WOP soldiers who had dogs were  
 observed leaving the Weisse Kaserne for a training ground on ul.  
 Swierczewskiego, which led to Hohenstein, in the southeastern outskirts  
 of the city. [redacted] dogs were trained at this  
 installation for border guarding. Prior to February 1954, Polish troops who  
 wore red cap bands were observed at the Rote Kaserne.

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Comment. An infantry regiment of the 15th Inf Div whose headquarters is located in Allenstein is stationed at Osterode. At least component units of the regiment are apparently quartered in the Rote Kaserne. The 19th AT Bn of the 15th Inf Div is also known to be in Osterode. It is still undetermined to what unit the alleged T 34 tanks in the Weisse Kaserne

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belong. In view of the observation of sentries in blue gray uniforms at the Weisse Kaserne, it is considered possible that the tanks observed belong to component units of the tank SP regiment of the 15th Inf Div. It also appears that the Weisse Kaserne quarters a WOP unit which appears to be a dog-training unit.

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